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PERCENTAGE OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTH
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of unemployed youth who are high school passed or have higher educational qualifications in the country;

(b) whether the Government maintained the data of unemployed educated youth separately every year;

(c) if so, the result thereof;

(d) the estimated number of educated unemployed youth by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan and its percentage in comparison to overall unemployment in the country; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide the employment to above youth?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) Estimates of employment & unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 1999-2000. As per this survey, unemployment rate among educated youth (persons in the age group 15-29 years with secondary education & above qualification) on usual status basis was around 14.8%.

(b to d) Since detailed estimates of employment & unemployment from National Sample Survey Organisation are available at 5 yearly interval, the data are accordingly maintained. In 1993-94 the unemployment rate of educated youth was 18.5% as against 14.8% in 1999-2000.

(e) Government is targeting creation of around one crore employment opportunities per year during the 10th Plan period. This will help the unemployed youth in the country.